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Whereas, Dennis Pennington, one of Indiana's founding fathers, was born in Cumberland County, Virginia, on May 18, 1776, and died in his Harrison County home on December 2, 1854;

Whereas, Dennis Pennington was an early legislator in Indiana and the Indiana Territory, Speaker of the first Indiana State Senate, Speaker of the territorial legislature, and a member of the Whig Party serving over 37 years in public office;

Whereas, Dennis Pennington's major political contributions to the growth of our state were his strong opposition of slavery and his support of squatter's rights;

Whereas, In 1816, Pennington was elected as a delegate to Indiana's first Constitutional Convention as a slavery opponent;

Whereas, Dennis Pennington ran for a seat in the Senate in Indiana's new government;

Whereas, Dennis Pennington won the election and became the first Speaker of the Indiana State Senate, serving in this position from 1816 through 1818, and was an outspoken critic of slavery;



Whereas, Dennis Pennington served four terms in the Indiana Senate: 1816 through 1820, 1825 through 1827, 1830 through 1833, and 1842 through 1845;

Whereas, Dennis Pennington also served three terms as a state representative, as a member of the Whig Party, from 1822 through 1824, 1828 through 1830, and 1845 through 1846;

Whereas, Dennis Pennington was responsible for the construction of Indiana's first state capitol building, where his photo is on display;

Whereas, In 1825, Dennis Pennington campaigned for the position of lieutenant governor but was defeated;

Whereas, Dennis Pennington was later appointed as sheriff of Harrison County and successfully ran for a second term;

Whereas, In his later years, Dennis Pennington served on the Indiana University Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, Dennis Pennington is truly one of the greatest Hoosiers whose influence is still felt in our state today: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
2 many contributions of Dennis Pennington to our state's history.

